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Nebraska Agriculture

This report highlights the importance of agriculture to Nebraska. In 2007, the state's 47,300 farms and ranches utilized 45.6 million acres or about 93 percent of the state's total land area. Agriculture is Nebraska's primary source of wealth and its dominant industry.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office, compiled this report as a service to the public, foreign interests looking to buy Nebraska products, and the many farmers, ranchers, and agricultural service firms who voluntarily provide survey data to make these reliable agricultural estimates possible. Crop and livestock reports date back to the beginning of this country. The National agency issued the first official monthly crop report in 1863. These statistical reports continue to inform both buyers and sellers, helping to keep agricultural markets updated, stable, and efficient, and help to maintain a "level playing field" for all.

We hope this report will be useful and answer many questions about Nebraska agriculture. More data are available at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/index.asp

Nebraska Farms and Ranches and Land in Farms

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	Number	*1,000 Acres*	*Acres*
1960	93,000	48,200	518
1970	73,000	48,100	659
1980	65,000	47,700	734
1990	57,000	47,100	826
2000	52,000	46,100	887
2006	47,600	45,700	960
2007	47,300	45,600	964

Agro Climatic Resources

Nebraska is located in the mid-section of the United States (latitude 40°N-43°N; longitude 96°W-104°W). Hot summers and cold winters, variability in rainfall distribution, fluctuating length of growing season, and frequent winds typify Nebraska's climate and each has affected agricultural production decisions and resource distribution over the years. Average "precipitation" during the last decade ranged from 29 inches in the southeast to 16.7 inches in the west. About 75 percent of the precipitation falls as rain during April - September, the crop growing season. Average growing season ranges from 170 days in the southeast to 120 days in the extreme northwest. The southeast is about 1,000 feet above sea level, while the Panhandle has elevations of 4,000 - 5,400 feet. "Irrigation" is used by 36 percent of farms, covering 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land, providing a buffer against drought, a serious recurrent problem for the Great Plains. A careful selection of adaptable crops, improved varieties, use of no till, minimum till, strip and contour cropping, stubble mulching, deferred grazing, and other proven practices enable Nebraska farmers to cope with climatic uncertainty and supply domestic and international markets with top quality products.

Water Resources

Nebraska is a water-rich state. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface, in porous rock beds called aquifers, is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater, most of which is readily accessible. Add to that an average of 80 to 100 million acre-feet of annual precipitation and an annual surface-water inflow of roughly 2 million acre-feet to obtain a measure of available water. In terms of surface water, approximately 7 to 8 million acre-feet flows on to other states, making Nebraska a donor of approximately 5 to 6 million acre-feet more than flows into its borders. Groundwater irrigation began in the 1920's. At the beginning of 1975, nearly 46,000 registered irrigation wells and about 5,000 surface water rights supplied 4 million acres. Currently, 91,609 registered wells and some 6,302 surface water rights supply water to over 7.6 million acres of harvested cropland, pastureland, and other land.

Soil Resources

Nebraska soils are a product of interaction of climate and biological organisms on parent materials as modified by local topography, drainage, and exposure to weathering. Two types of geologic deposits are parent materials for the vast majority of soils in the state. Wind-blown sand is the parent material in the Sandhills grazing region that occupies much of the north-central part of the state. Elsewhere, most soils have formed in wind-blown silt and clay or loess. Topography and subsequent soil drainage have greatly influenced development of soil properties in local areas.

Land Uses

Nebraska's 45.6 million acres in farms and ranches is divided between cropland and other land used primarily for pastures and rangeland to support the state's livestock industry. In 2007, the area planted to crops and used for hay totaled 18.7 million acres. Farmer participation in government programs has impacted total acres planted from year to year. Comparable area planted estimates for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 were 19.1, 18.8, 18.9, and 18.7 million acres, respectively.

Corn, soybeans, winter wheat and sorghum are the state's leading crops, utilizing 15.6 million acres of cropland in 2007. Corn and winter wheat are grown essentially statewide, while most soybeans are produced in the eastern one-half of Nebraska. Primary sorghum producing counties lie in the southeastern and south central portions of the state. The specialty crops of dry edible beans and sugarbeets are produced in western irrigated fields. Sandhill pastures of north central Nebraska produce much of the state's wild hay production and maintain many cow/calf operations.

Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2007, Domestic Units

Year	Planted [1]	Harvested	Yield	Production
Corn for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980	7,800	7,100	85.0	603,500
1985	7,800	7,450	128.0	953,600
1990	7,700	7,300	128.0	934,400
1995	8,000	7,700	111.0	854,700
2000	8,500	8,050	126.0	1,014,300
2005	8,500	8,250	154.0	1,270,500
2006	8,100	7,750	152.0	1,178,000
2007	9,400	9,200	160.0	*1,472,000
Soybeans				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980	1,830	1,770	30.0	53,100
1985	2,400	2,360	36.0	84,960
1990	2,400	2,360	34.5	81,420
1995	3,100	3,060	33.0	100,980
2000	4,650	4,575	38.0	173,850
2005	4,700	4,660	*50.5	235,330
2006	5,050	*5,010	50.0	*250,500
2007	3,800	3,770	*50.5	190,385
All Wheat				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980	3,000	2,850	38.0	108,300
1985	2,600	2,300	39.0	89,700
1990	2,450	2,250	38.0	85,500
1995	2,150	2,100	41.0	86,100
2000	1,750	1,650	36.0	59,400
2005	1,850	1,760	39.0	68,640
2006	1,800	1,700	36.0	61,200
2007	2,050	1,960	43.0	84,280
Sorghum for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980	2,200	2,030	60.0	121,800
1985	2,100	1,930	80.0	154,400
1990	1,600	1,410	77.0	108,570
1995	1,250	980	58.0	56,840
2000	600	500	70.0	35,000
2005	340	250	87.0	21,750
2006	370	240	80.0	19,200
2007	350	240	*98.0	23,520
Oats				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980	525	380	41.0	15,580
1985	550	420	61.0	25,620
1990	450	280	48.0	13,440
1995	155	90	50.0	4,500
2000	130	45	42.0	1,890
2005	150	60	*73.0	4,380
2006	160	45	45.0	2,025
2007	120	35	68.0	2,380
All Hay				
	1,000 Acres		*Tons*	*1,000 Tons*
1980		3,700	1.91	7,083
1985		3,300	2.05	6,755
1990		3,650	1.97	7,205
1995		3,150	2.29	7,200
2000		2,950	2.02	5,945
2005		2,850	*2.44	6,945
2006		2,800	2.05	5,753
2007		2,650	2.38	6,298
Alfalfa Hay				
	1,000 Acres		*Tons*	*1,000 Tons*
1980		1,650	3.05	5,033
1985		1,400	3.40	4,760
1990		1,450	3.30	4,785
1995		1,350	3.60	4,860
2000		1,350	3.10	4,185
2005		1,250	3.70	4,625
2006		1,250	3.30	4,125
2007		1,150	3.65	4,198

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Year	Planted [1]	Harvested	Yield	Production
Irrigated Corn for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*	*1,000 Bushels*
1980		4,950	101.0	499,950
1985		5,050	141.5	714,800
1990		5,050	145.5	734,775
1995	5,283	5,125	130.1	666,725
2000	4,975	4,800	154.4	741,300
2005	5,040	4,925	184.7	909,750
2006	4,865	4,715	184.8	871,465
2007	5,845	5,725	181.2	*1,037,625
Dry Edible Beans				
	1,000 Acres		*Pounds*	*1,000 Cwt.*
1980	160	150	1,820	2,730
1985	165	151	1,850	2,794
1990	*260	*254	1,970	*5,004
1995	225	205	1,750	3,588
2000	165	156	2,070	3,230
2005	175	172	2,250	3,870
2006	140	124	2,200	2,728
2007	110	107	*2,260	2,418
Sugarbeets				
	1,000 Acres		*Tons*	*1,000 Tons*
1980	87.0	85.0	20.9	1,777
1985	59.1	53.2	23.1	1,229
1990	75.1	71.0	21.0	1,491
1995	75.9	72.3	16.4	1,186
2000	78.2	54.8	20.3	1,112
2005	48.4	45.3	20.4	924
2006	61.3	57.8	23.3	1,347
2007	47.5	44.3	23.5	1,041

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Crops Record Highs Through 2007

Crops		Year	Record High	
Corn	Harvested	1932	10,005,000	Acres
for	Yield	2004	166.0	Bushels
Grain	Production	2007	1,472,000,000	Bushels
Soybeans	Harvested	2006	5,010,000	Acres
	Yield	2005 & 2007	50.5	Bushels
	Production	2006	250,500,000	Bushels
All Wheat	Harvested	1938	4,691,000	Acres
	Yield	1999	48.0	Bushels
	Production	1958	113,488,000	Bushels
Sorghum	Harvested	1965	2,271,000	Acres
For	Yield	1994 & 2007	98.0	Bushels
Grain	Production	1981	164,800,000	Bushels
All Hay	Harvested	1954	5,595,000	Acres
	Yield	2005	2.44	Tons
	Production	1982	7,855,000	Tons

Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2007

Rank	Commodity	Number	Unit
1	Great northern bean production	991,000	Cwt.
2	Pinto beans production	1,132,000	Cwt.
3	Corn for grain production	1,472,000,000	Bushels
4	Sorghum for grain production	23,520,000	Bushels
4	On-farm grain storage capacity	1,100,000,000	Bushels
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity	761,200,000	Bushels
5	Alfalfa hay production	4,198,000	Tons
6	Soybean production	190,385,000	Bushels
7	Winter wheat production	84,280,000	Bushels
7	Sugarbeet production	1,041,000	Tons
7	All hay production	6,298,000	Tons
8	Cash receipts from crops, 2006	4,358,958,000	Dollars

Nebraska Crop Summary, Selected Years and 2007, Metric Units*

Year	Planted [1]	Harvested	Yield	Production
Corn for Grain				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	3,157	2,873	5.34	15,330
1985	3,157	3,015	8.03	24,222
1990	3,116	2,954	8.03	23,735
1995	3,238	3,116	6.97	21,710
2000	3,440	3,258	7.91	25,764
2005	3,440	3,339	9.67	32,272
2006	3,278	3,136	9.54	29,922
2007	3,804	3,723	10.04	*37,390
Soybeans				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	741	716	2.02	1,445
1985	971	955	2.42	2,312
1990	971	955	2.32	2,216
1995	1,255	1,238	2.22	2,748
2000	1,882	1,851	2.56	4,732
2005	1,902	1,886	*3.40	6,405
2006	2,044	*2,028	3.36	*6,818
2007	1,538	1,526	*3.40	5,182
All Wheat				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	1,214	1,153	2.56	2,947
1985	1,052	931	2.62	2,441
1990	992	911	2.56	2,327
1995	870	850	2.76	2,343
2000	708	668	2.42	1,617
2005	749	712	2.62	1,868
2006	728	688	2.42	1,666
2007	830	793	2.89	2,294
Sorghum for Grain				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	890	822	3.77	3,094
1985	850	781	5.02	3,922
1990	648	571	4.83	2,758
1995	506	397	3.64	1,444
2000	243	202	4.39	889
2005	138	101	5.46	552
2006	150	97	5.02	488
2007	142	97	*6.15	597
Oats				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	212	154	1.47	226
1985	223	170	2.19	372
1990	182	113	1.72	195
1995	63	36	1.79	65
2000	53	18	1.51	27
2005	61	24	*2.62	64
2006	65	18	1.61	29
2007	49	14	2.44	35
All Hay				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980		1,497	4.29	6,426
1985		1,335	4.59	6,128
1990		1,477	4.42	6,536
1995		1,275	5.12	6,532
2000		1,194	4.52	5,393
2005		1,153	*5.46	6,300
2006		1,133	4.61	5,219
2007		1,072	5.33	5,713
Alfalfa Hay				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980		668	6.84	4,566
1985		567	7.62	4,318
1990		587	7.40	4,341
1995		546	8.07	4,409
2000		546	6.95	3,797
2005		506	8.29	4,196
2006		506	7.40	3,742
2006		465	8.18	3,808

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

Year	Planted [1]	Harvested	Yield	Production
Irrigated Corn for Grain				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980		2,003	6.34	12,699
1985		2,044	8.88	18,157
1990		2,044	9.13	18,664
1995	2,138	2,074	8.17	16,935
2000	2,013	1,943	9.69	18,830
2005	2,040	1,993	11.59	23,109
2006	1,969	1,908	11.60	22,136
2007	2,365	2,317	11.38	*26,357
Dry Edible Beans				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	65	61	2.04	124
1985	67	61	2.08	127
1990	*105	*103	2.21	*227
1995	91	83	1.96	163
2000	67	63	2.32	147
2005	71	70	2.52	176
2006	57	50	2.47	124
2007	45	43	*2.54	110
Sugarbeets				
	1,000 Hectares		*Metric Tons*	*1,000 Metric Tons*
1980	35.2	34.4	46.86	1,612
1985	23.9	21.5	51.79	1,115
1990	30.4	28.7	47.07	1,353
1995	30.7	29.3	36.77	1,076
2000	31.6	22.2	45.49	1,009
2005	19.6	18.3	45.72	838
2006	24.8	23.4	52.24	1,222
2007	19.2	17.9	52.68	944

[1] Planted for all purposes. * Record high.

* Metric ton = 2,204.6 lbs. Hectare = 2.47 acres.

Crops Record Highs Through 2007

Crops		Year	Record High	
Corn for Grain	Harvested	1932	4,049,000	Hectares
	Yield	2004	10.42	Metric Tons
	Production	2007	37,390,000	Metric Tons
Soybeans	Harvested	2006	2,028,000	Hectares
	Yield	2005 & 2007	3.40	Metric Tons
	Production	2006	6,818,000	Metric Tons
All Wheat	Harvested	1938	1,898,000	Hectares
	Yield	1999	3.23	Metric Tons
	Production	1958	3,087,000	Metric Tons
Sorghum for Grain	Harvested	1965	919,000	Hectares
	Yield	1994 & 2007	6.15	Metric Tons
	Production	1981	4,186,000	Metric Tons
All Hay	Harvested	1954	2,264,000	Hectares
	Yield	2005	5.46	Metric Tons
	Production	1982	7,126,000	Metric Tons

Nebraska's Rank Among States in 2007

Rank	Commodity	Number	Unit
1	Great northern bean production	45,000	Metric Tons
2	Pinto beans production	51,000	Metric Tons
3	Corn for grain production	37,390,000	Metric Tons
4	Sorghum for grain production	597,000	Metric Tons
4	On-farm grain storage capacity	27,941,000	Metric Tons
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity	19,335,000	Metric Tons
5	Alfalfa hay production	3,808,000	Metric Tons
6	Soybean production	5,182,000	Metric Tons
7	Winter wheat production	2,294,000	Metric Tons
7	Sugarbeet production	944,000	Metric Tons
7	All hay production	5,713,000	Metric Tons
8	Cash receipts from crops, 2006	4,358,958,000	Dollars

Nebraska Livestock and Poultry Summary

Highlights

- Over half of Nebraska farms have sales of livestock, diary, poultry, and products.
- Cash receipts from livestock, dairy, poultry, and products accounted for about 64% of total cash receipts in 2006.
- National rank among States (Number and Date):

1st - Commercial red meat production (7.2 billion lbs. 2007)
2nd - Commercial cattle slaughter (7.1 million - 2007)
2nd - Cattle on feed (2.70 million - 1/2008)
3rd - Cattle & calves (6.55 million - 1/2008)
3rd - Fed cattle marketed, 1000+ lots (4.8 million – 2007)
3rd - Livestock cash receipts ($7.7 billion - 2006)
4th - Beef cows (1.88 million - 1/2008)
5th - Calves born (1.76 million - 2007)
6th - Commercial Hog slaughter (7.4 million - 2007)
6th - Hogs & pigs (3.25 million - 12/2007)
7th - Table eggs production (2.98 billion - 2007)
13th - All Chickens (12.3 million – 12/2007)
16th - Honey production (2.21 million lbs. - 2007)
19th - Sheep & lambs (85,000 - 1/2008)

Livestock Record Highs to Date

Commodity	Number	Mo./Yr.
All Cattle & Calves	7.41 million head	1/1974
All Cattle on Feed	2.70 million head	1/2007 & 1/2008
Fed Cattle Marketed	5.18 million head	2000
Milk Cows	820 thousand head	1/1934
Hogs & Pigs	5.98 million head	1/1924
Sheep & Lambs	1.26 million head	1/1943
Chickens	19.9 million head	1/1944

Livestock Inventories, Selected Years

Year	All Cattle Jan. 1	Beef Cows Jan. 1	Milk Cows Jan. 1	Hogs & Pigs Dec. 1	All Sheep Jan. 1	All Chickens Dec. 1
			1,000 Head			
1970	6,330	1,915	175	3,691	377	5,230
1980	6,400	1,950	120	3,900	210	4,000
1990	5,700	1,760	100	4,300	177	6,200
2000	6,650	1,974	76	3,050	102	13,895
2004	6,250	1,848	62	2,850	102	13,972
2005	6,350	1,909	61	2,850	97	13,813
2006	6,500	1,930	60	3,050	106	13,165
2007	6,650	1,940	60	3,250	95	12,261
2008	6,550	1,883	57		85	

Commercial Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

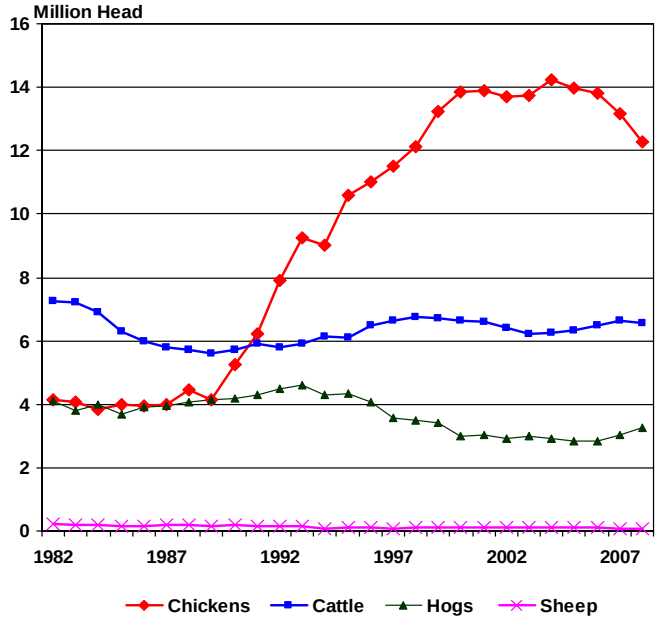
Year	Coml. Cattle Slaughter		Coml. Hog Slaughter	
	1,000 Head	NE % of U.S.	1,000 Head	NE % of U.S.
1970	4,338	12.4	2,566	3.0
1980	5,612	16.6	4,581	4.8
1990	5,882	17.7	5,401	6.3
2000	7,617	21.0	6,270	6.4
2004	6,903	21.1	6,953	6.7
2005	7,029	21.7	7,186	6.9
2006	7,069	21.0	7,216	6.9
2007	7,071	20.6	7,428	6.8

Number of Operations with Livestock, 1998-2007

Year	Cattle	Beef Cows [1]	Milk Cows [1]	Hogs	Sheep	Cattle Feedlots [1]	
						All	1000+
			Number				
1998	28,000	23,000	1,400	5,900	1,700	5,000	665
1999	27,000	23,000	1,300	5,000	1,700	5,020	685
2000	26,000	23,000	1,200	4,000	1,700	5,200	695
2001	25,000	22,000	1,100	3,400	1,600	5,100	720
2002	25,000	21,000	1,000	3,200	1,500	5,000	740
2003	25,000	21,000	900	3,000	1,500	4,900	760
2004	24,000	20,000	830	2,600	1,500	4,560	760
2005	24,000	20,000	770	2,600	1,500	4,570	770
2006	24,000	20,000	700	2,500	1,500	4,570	770
2007	24,000	20,000	660	2,400	1,500	4,570	770

[1] Included in number of cattle operations.

Trends in Livestock and Poultry Inventories



Number of Livestock Slaughter Plants, F.I. Cattle & Hog Slaughter, Selected Years

Year	Slaughtering Plants			Cattle		Hogs	
	F.I. [1]	Other	Total	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
		Number		*Number*	*1,000*	*Number*	*1,000*
1970	34	231	265				
1980	72	159	231	67	5,607	46	4,532
1990	49	140	189	47	5,834	36	5,348
2000	33	81	114	32	7,592	22	6,252
2004	35	66	101	35	6,856	25	6,895
2005	35	66	101	33	7,004	23	7,170
2006	35	78	113	32	7,038	23	7,202
2007	32	74	106	26	7,041	19	7,410
2008	31	98	129				

[1] F.I. - Federally Inspected.

Cattle in Nebraska

- In 2006, cash receipts totaled $6.6 billion, or 55% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- Account for about 6.8% of the Nation's cattle herd, 5.8% of the Nation's beef cow herd, and 18.9% of the Nation's cattle on feed.
- Feeding more cattle in fewer feedlots:
  In 1962, operators of 24,303 lots marketed 1.8 million fed cattle.
  In 2007, 4,570 lots marketed 5.1 million.
- Commercial cattle slaughter totaled about 7.1 million head in 2007 and 20.6% of U.S. total cattle slaughter.

Cattle Statistics, Selected Years

Year	All Cattle & Calves	All Cows	Calf Crop	All Cattle on Feed
		1,000 Head		
1960	5,072	1,855	1,689	
1970	6,330	2,090	2,006	1,477
1980	6,400	2,070	1,970	1.680
1990	5,700	1,860	1,730	2,060
2000	6,650	2,050	1,840	2,450
2004	6,250	1,910	1,800	2,450
2005	6,350	1,970	1,800	2,470
2006	6,500	1,990	1,820	2,600
2007	6,650	2,000	1,760	2,700
2008	6,550	1,940		2,700

Percent of Fed Cattle Marketed by Capacity of Feedlots, Selected Years

Feedlot Capacity	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Under 1,000 head	35.3	30.2	22.1	9.3	5.6	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.1	5.8
1,000-3,999 head	19.2	17.6	19.0	18.0	17.2	18.9	18.4	17.8	17.6	16.6
4,000-15,999 head	26.1	29.8	36.1	41.2	41.1	38.8	37.3	37.5	37.9	39.6
16,000-31,999 head	11.8	12.2	16.2	20.5	23.8	23.0	23.0	23.4	22.6	20.2
32,000+ head	7.6	10.2	6.6	11.0	12.3	13.1	14.8	15.1	15.8	17.8
Total Marketed All Lots (000)	3,825	4,600	4,990	4,730	5,175	4,865	4,790	4,710	4,935	5,130

Hogs and Pigs in Nebraska

- December 1, 2007 hog numbers totaled 3.25 million head, up 7% from the 3.05 million head December 1, 2006.
- Cash receipts in 2006 totaled $728 million or about 6.0% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- Account for about 4.9% of the Nation's hog herd.
- Commercial hog slaughter, at 7.4 million head in 2007 was 6.8% of U.S. total hog slaughter.

Hogs and Pigs Statistics, Selected Years

Year	December 1 Inventory	Annual Sows Farrowed[1]	Litter Rate[1]	Annual Pig Crop[1]
	1,000 Head		*Number*	*1,000 Head*
1960	2,527	565	7.03	3,972
1970	3,691	815	7.19	5,862
1980	3,900	853	7.36	6,290
1990	4,300	865	7.98	6,900
2000	3,050	625	8.84	5,525
2003	2,900	735	8.86	6,515
2004	2,850	695	8.93	6,204
2005	2,850	700	9.04	6,327
2006	3,050	715	9.17	6,560
2007	3,250	750	9.42	7,062

[1] December previous year - November current year.

Poultry in Nebraska

- Chicken inventory totaled 12.3 million head on December 1, 2007, down 7% from December 1, 2006.
- In 2006, cash receipts for chicken eggs were $96.4 million, .8% of the state's total agricultural receipts.
- Nebraska ranked 7th in 2007 for table egg production.
- Broiler production decreased to 4.8 million head in 2007.

Poultry Statistics, Selected Years

Year	Eggs Prod.	Chickens Dec. 1 [1]	Broiler Prod. [2]	Chickens Sold [2]
	Million	*1,000*	*1,000*	*1,000*
1960	1,843	10,425	2,175	4,798
1970	858	5,230	1,371	2,398
1980	847	4,000	2,000	1,600
1990	1,202	6,200	2,950	1,345
2000	2,999	13,895	3,400	6,193
2003	3,126	14,223	4,000	5,440
2004	3,174	13,972	4,300	5,035
2005	3,217	13,813	4,800	4,604
2006	3,129	13,165	5,100	5,038
2007	2,984	12,261	4,800	6,145

[1] Excludes commercial broilers.
[2] December previous year - November current year.

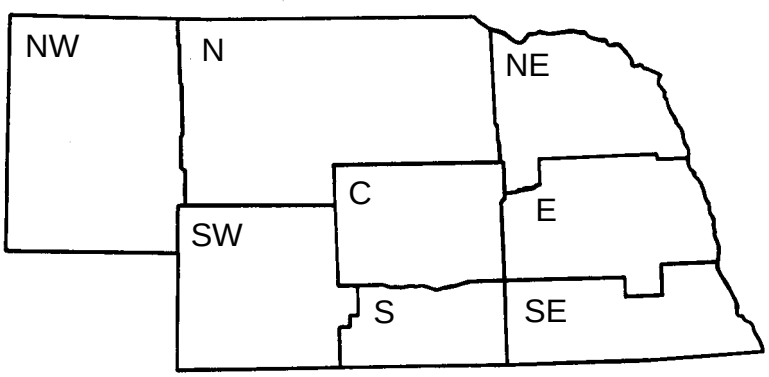
Nebraska's Top Ten Producing Counties, Selected Commodities, 2007

Rank	Corn for Grain		Soybeans		Winter Wheat		Sorghum for Grain	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	C	Custer	E	Saunders	NW	Cheyenne	SW	Red Willow
2	E	York	NE	Cuming	SW	Perkins	SE	Thayer
3	E	Hamilton	E	Cass	NW	Box Butte	S	Furnas
4	S	Phelps	E	Dodge	NW	Deuel	SE	Jefferson
5	C	Buffalo	E	Platte	S	Furnas	SE	Nuckolls
6	C	Dawson	E	Lancaster	SW	Red Willow	SE	Saline
7	C	Hall	SE	Otoe	SW	Hitchcock	SE	Gage
8	E	Platte	NE	Burt	SW	Keith	SW	Frontier
9	SE	Fillmore	E	Seward	SW	Frontier	SE	Fillmore
10	NE	Antelope	E	Butler	SW	Dundy	SW	Hitchcock

Rank	Oats for Grain		Sunflowers		All Cattle and Calves January 1, 2007		Beef Cows January 1, 2007	
	District	County	District	County	District	County	District	County
1	NE	Knox	NW	Box Butte	N	Cherry[1]	N	Cherry
2	NE	Cedar	NW	Kimball	C	Custer[1]	C	Custer
3	NE	Thurston	SW	Red Willow	NE	Cuming	N	Holt
4	N	Boyd	NW	Cheyenne	C	Dawson	SW	Lincoln
5	N	Holt	NW	Banner	SW	Lincoln	NW	Sheridan
6	NW	Box Butte	SW	Perkins	N	Holt	NE	Knox
7	E	Colfax	NW	Sheridan	S	Phelps	NW	Morrill
8	NE	Pierce	SW	Hitchcock	NW	Morrill	C	Buffalo[2]
9	SW	Frontier	SW	Dundy	NE	Knox	N	Rock[2]
10	E	Saunders	SE	Jefferson	NW	Scottsbluff	C	Dawson

[1]Tied for 1st. [2] Tied for 8th.

Nebraska's Agricultural Statistics Districts



Nebraska's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, Selected Crops [1]

Crop	Usual Planting Dates			Usual Harvesting Dates		
	Begin	Most Active	End	Begin	Most Active	End
Barley, Spring	Mar 20	Mar 25 - Apr 10	Apr 18	Jul 18	Jul 20 - Jul 25	Jul 30
Beans, Dry	May 26	Jun 9 - Jun 16	Jun 23	Sep 8	Sep 15 - Sep 29	Oct 13
Corn, for Grain	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Sep 21	Oct 11 - Nov 6	Dec 1
Corn, for Silage	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Aug 25	Sep 5 - Sep 25	Oct 10
Hay, Alfalfa				May 10		Oct 5
Hay, Other				Jun 5		Sep 20
Oats, Spring	Mar 24	Apr 2 - Apr 27	May 9	Jul 4	Jul 15 - Aug 2	Aug 12
Rye	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 30	Jul 12 - Jul 30	Aug 8
Sorghum, for Grain	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Sep 19	Oct 8 - Oct 30	Nov 17
Sorghum, for Silage	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Aug 25	Sep 10 - Sep 30	Oct 10
Soybeans	May 9	May 18 - Jun 4	Jun 17	Sep 19	Sep 30 - Oct 15	Oct 27
Sugarbeets	Apr 1	Apr 10 - Apr 30	May 5	Oct 5	Oct 10 - Oct 30	Nov 5
Wheat, Winter	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 26	Jul 7 - Jul 26	Aug 8

[1] Source: USDA's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops, December 1997.

Nebraska Precipitation Data by Agricultural Statistics Districts, 1987-2006[1]

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts							
	Northwest	North	Northeast	Central	East	Southwest	South	Southeast
	Inches							
1987	18.09	24.06	26.40	28.26	32.59	22.32	29.23	37.80
1988	16.92	23.41	20.70	22.13	20.15	20.32	20.53	18.38
1989	11.92	13.44	17.20	20.38	22.26	16.17	20.93	24.49
1990	16.59	21.11	25.60	22.79	27.31	17.13	23.17	26.57
1991	16.70	21.41	26.24	23.03	30.32	21.19	21.57	26.61
1992	17.11	24.34	33.76	24.94	31.87	22.10	24.70	37.17
1993	21.80	28.72	35.72	34.02	39.71	27.05	38.64	48.25
1994	14.07	22.79	27.12	23.24	26.83	19.24	23.47	26.32
1995	20.48	28.78	32.24	24.33	24.87	20.31	23.36	29.21
1996	18.61	23.13	27.61	26.31	30.79	24.86	32.02	34.91
1997	18.00	21.47	22.17	23.39	25.45	19.00	22.78	30.59
1998	19.56	26.73	33.52	25.29	34.31	18.65	23.68	34.36
1999	18.53	21.24	27.63	25.27	30.48	21.77	25.00	27.16
2000	17.37	19.47	23.31	20.36	23.83	17.43	22.76	24.76
2001	16.67	25.44	31.93	23.63	28.07	20.06	25.95	38.86
2002	9.95	14.74	20.74	15.77	23.33	11.64	15.79	23.28
2003	15.45	17.49	24.79	20.47	25.48	16.78	19.89	28.52
2004	16.69	22.46	27.86	25.19	27.09	23.17	24.58	27.24
2005	20.30	25.82	28.66	22.72	26.13	20.81	23.02	27.18
2006	13.97	19.49	27.14	24.21	29.75	18.94	25.40	29.93

[1] Source: NOAA/National Climatic Data Center.

Number of Days Temperature 95 Degrees Fahrenheit or Above by Agricultural Statistics Districts, Selected Reporting Stations, May-September, 1987-2006 [1]

Year	Agricultural Statistics Districts, Reporting Station							
	Northwest (Alliance)	North (Atkinson)	Northeast (Hartington)	Central (Broken Bow)	East (David City)	Southwest (Culbertson)	South (Franklin)	Southeast (Pawnee City)
	Number of Days							
1988	23	25	23	14	25	28	28	20
1989	18	11	14	6	11	20	9	35
1990	14	15	12	15	10	35	13	19
1991	14	22	15	13	14	21	19	27
1992	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	30
1993	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	0
1994	18	1	1	3	2	23	12	9
1995	26	17	14	7	13	33	23	17
1996	6	0	0	0	0	9	5	19
1997	18	12	2	5	5	24	20	7
1998	10	9	1	6	2	25	22	13
1999	17	11	4	2	3	20	15	5
2000	25	22	8	15	12	51	46	25
2001	17	11	2	6	15	46	25	18
2002	18	29	13	19	13	51	39	11
2003	24	14	3	10	15	39	24	28
2004	9	7	0	5	2	23	12	22
2005	19	10	1	12	11	39	28	3
2006	24	19	10	22	15	39	34	15
2007	26	10	3	2	5	41	20	11

[1] Source: High Plains Climate Center, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Nebraska All Land Average Value per Acre by Statistical District, 2001-2007

District	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
				Dollars			
Northwest	274	283	276	302	325	349	395
North	312	321	308	343	379	425	506
Northeast	1,107	1,221	1,266	1,388	1,537	1,775	2,142
Central	854	896	939	1,005	1,110	1,200	1,329
East	1,747	1,768	1,850	1,999	2,268	2,496	2,795
Southwest	471	500	467	500	542	571	631
South	1,060	1,096	1,102	1,188	1,268	1,215	1,302
Southeast	1,143	1,204	1,204	1,354	1,609	1,811	2,079
State	709	749	757	827	924	1,013	1,155

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2006-2007, Department of Agricultural Economics, UNL.

Nebraska Selected Land Average Cash Rental Rates per Acre by Statistical District, 2006-2007

District	Dryland Cropland		Gravity Irrigated Cropland		Center Pivot Irrigated Cropland		Pastureland	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Dollars		*Dollars*		*Dollars*		*Dollars*	
Northwest	24	26	97	103	102	118	9	9
North	38	41	105	115	120	136	14	15
Northeast	97	109	135	156	147	173	36	38
Central	63	71	135	150	140	156	26	26
East	102	113	144	160	157	176	33	36
Southwest	31	34	101	107	120	128	13	12
South	52	56	130	139	139	154	22	21
Southeast	83	93	138	152	152	169	29	30

Source: Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Developments 2006-2007
Department of Agricultural Economics, UNL

Prices Received by Nebraska Farmers, Selected Years [1]

Commodity	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006	2007[2]
			Dollars			
Corn, Bu.	1.25	3.08	2.28	1.90	3.00	4.00
Soybeans, Bu.	2.78	7.25	5.59	4.44	6.05	9.95
Sorghum, Cwt.	1.93	5.09	3.66	3.28	5.54	6.95
All Wheat, Bu.	1.22	3.82	2.53	2.61	4.57	6.20
Oats, Bu.	.65	1.85	1.19	1.42	1.99	2.80
All Hay, Ton	21.00	55.00	58.00	69.50	90.50	89.50
Sugarbeets, Ton	14.80	47.00	40.10	29.20	44.50	
Dry Beans, Cwt.	8.00	26.90	16.90	15.80	21.30	29.30
Steers & Heifers, Cwt.	29.10	66.70	80.00	70.00	91.20	95.30
Cows, Cwt.	20.50	45.80	52.00	38.40	47.80	49.90
Calves, Cwt.	35.30	78.70	100.00	106.00	135.00	125.00
Hogs, Cwt.	22.30	38.10	54.80	44.30	47.90	48.80
Sheep, Cwt.	7.30	24.50	21.90	34.60	35.00	31.20
Lambs, Cwt.	27.50	64.30	54.00	76.20	89.00	94.20
Milk Cows [3]	298	1,130	1,130	1,290	1,760	1,800

[1]Crops prices for 1980 are season average prices; beginning 1985 prices are marketing year average prices received. [2]Preliminary. [3]Calendar year average, dollars per head.

Nebraska Total Farm Income, 2002-2006

Year	Gross Income [1]	Farm Production Expenses	Net Farm Income	Net Farm Income Per Farm
		Million Dollars		*Dollars*
2002	10,270.6	9,408.5	862.1	17,452
2003	12,785.9	10,056.6	2,729.3	56,274
2004	14,097.0	10,542.8	3,554.1	73,585
2005	14,156.3	11,309.0	2,847.2	59,317
2006	14,002.8	11,705.8	2,297.0	48,257

[1] See table below for detailed breakdown, including inventory adjustment.

Nebraska Gross Farm Income, 2002-2006

Year	Cash Receipts	Govern-ment Payments	Non-Cash Income	Farm-Related Income	Value of Inventory Adjustment
		Million Dollars			
2002	9,421.4	539.3	256.1	649.4	-595.5
2003	10,927.4	725.9	259.0	848.1	25.5
2004	11,232.9	728.9	298.8	955.2	881.1
2005	11,481.8	1,421.0	349.3	802.7	101.4
2006	12,042.3	812.1	355.7	840.0	-47.3

Value of Nebraska Agricultural Exports, 2002-2006

Commodity	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
			Million Dollars		
Feed Grains & Products	680.3	727.3	912.5	775.3	963.5
Soybeans & Products	469.1	614.3	637.1	671.4	651.8
Wheat & Products	143.0	162.8	228.0	165.5	188.0
Feeds & Fodders	167.1	181.8	173.5	195.8	222.4
Seeds	11.1	8.8	8.5	10.0	13.3
Vegetables & Preparations	32.6	37.1	33.8	36.3	40.4
Live Animals & Meat	956.1	1,028.2	515.8	502.9	665.8
Hides & Skins	360.6	361.2	344.5	344.7	376.5
Fats, Oils & Greases	91.5	112.5	112.6	97.2	97.7
Dairy Products	7.1	6.8	8.2	10.6	11.2
Other	16.5	18.6	22.6	26.8	30.7
Total[1]	2,935.0	3,259.4	2,997.2	2,836.4	3,261.3

[1] Totals may not add due to rounding.
Source: ERS USDA State Exports

A Bit of Agricultural Statistics History

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